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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/875,349	Applicant(s) HISERODT ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 31-48,50 and 52-82 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 31-48,50,52-54,65-77 and 82 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 55-64 and 78-81 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

RE: Hiserodt *et al*

1. Claims 1-30,49, and 51 are canceled, claims 31-48,50, and 52-82 are pending and examined on the merits.

NEW REJECTIONS

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C 135

2. Claims 31-48,50,52-54,65-77, and 82 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 135(b) as being made more than one year from the date on which U.S. Patent No. 5,891,432 (Soo Hoo, W. 4/6/1999) was granted. See *In re McGrew*, 120 F.3d 1236, 1238, 43 USPQ2d 1632,1635 (Fed. Cir. 1997) where the Court held that the application of 35 U.S.C. 135(b) is not limited to *inter partes* interference proceedings, but may be used as a basis for *ex parte* rejections. Specifically, the claims of the instant application are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a human cell expressing a cytokine and a pharmaceutical composition, wherein the cytokine comprises a heterologous transmembrane region. The claims of the issued US Patent 5,891,432 are drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a cell having a membrane bound fusion protein comprising GM-CSF fused to a heterologous membrane attachment domain.

The obviousness test is not the standard for determining whether the subject matter is the same or substantially the same. Rather the determination turns on the presence or absence of a different material limitation in the claim. These tests are distinctly different. The analysis focuses on the interfering claim to determine whether all

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material limitations of the interfering claim necessarily occur in a prior claim. In re Berger, 279 F.3d 975, 61 USPQ2d 1523 (Fed. Cir. 2002). In the instant case, the claimed limitation of a cell expressing a "heterologous transmembrane region" was not claimed in this or in any of the previously filed applications within one year of the issue date of (i.e. 08/901,225; 60/023108; or 60/029,286) from which the instant application claims priority.

Conclusion

No claim is allowed. Claims 55-64 and 78-81 are objected to for depending on rejected claims.

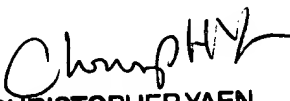
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher H. Yaen whose telephone number is 571-272-0838. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Christopher Yaen, Examiner
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April 20, 2006


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